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Comparative Chances of Life in different Classes of the Community.

The interesting report from the Poor Law Commissioners, the labour of their Secretary, on the Sanatory Condition of the Labouring Population of Great Britain, contains (p. 162—4) some tables, which, although they do not establish any exact laws of mortality, prove that remarkable differences exist between the various classes of society as to the age of death. These tables are compiled from deaths which took place in Manchester, during the year 1840; in Leeds, during the year 1840; in Liverpool, during the year 1840; in Bath, during the year 1839; in the Strand Union, during the year 1840; in the Kendal Union, during the year ended September 30th; in the County of Wilts, during the year 1840; and in Rutland, during the years, 1838, 1839, and 1840.

Proportion of Deaths which occurred at the undermentioned periods of Age among the different Classes of Society.

Periods of Age.	Gentry and Professional Persons.	Farmers, Tradesmen, and Persons similarly circumstanced.	Agricultural and other Labourers, Artisans, and Servants.
Between 0 and 5 Years . . .	1 in 5	1 in 2¼	1 in 2
,, 5 and 10 ,, . . .	1 in 19	1 in 20	1 in 17
,, 10 and 20 ,, . . .	1 in 19	1 in 23	1 in 20
Total Number of Deaths under 20 Years of Age	232	2,496	12,571
Proportion of Deaths under 20 to Total Deaths	1 in 3½	1 in 2	1 in 1½
Between 20 and 30 Years . . .	1 in 17	1 in 15	1 in 15
,, 30 and 40 ,, . . .	1 in 14	1 in 12	1 in 17
,, 40 and 50 ,, . . .	1 in 16	1 in 13	1 in 18
,, 50 and 60 ,, . . .	1 in 12	1 in 14	1 in 20
Total Number of Deaths between 20 and 60 Years of Age . . .	219	1,427	4,587
Proportion of Deaths from 20 to 60 to Total of Deaths	1 in 4	1 in 3½	1 in 4
Between 60 and 70 Years . . .	1 in 6	1 in 12	1 in 18
,, 70 and 80 ,, . . .	1 in 6	1 in 14	1 in 23
,, 80 and 90 ,, . . .	1 in 10	1 in 29	1 in 43
90 and upwards . . .	1 in 115	1 in 122	1 in 338
Total Number of Deaths above 60 .	351	913	2,439
Proportion of Deaths above 60 to Total of Deaths	1 in 2¼	1 in 5	1 in 8
Total Number of Deaths at all Ages	802	4,836	19,597
		25,235	

PROCEEDINGS OF THE STATISTICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.

Sixth Ordinary Meeting, Monday, April 18, 1842.

Right Hon. Viscount SANDON, V. P., in the Chair.

The following gentlemen were elected fellows of the Society:—

T. M. Nelson, Esq. Thomas Irving, Esq.
Theodore Compton, Esq. Andrew Martin, Esq.

The Rev. Robert Everest was proposed as a candidate for admission into the Society.

A paper was read "On Accidents upon Railways." By Charles Richard Weld, Esq. (*see* p. 226.)